SUZAKU, HOW ARE THINGS PROCEEDING?

THE LETTERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE THREE MAJESTIES

YES SIR

BUT... THERE WILL BE MORE TO DO IN THE FUTURE. I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

REALLY? GOOD WORK.

WELCOME BACK, AKIRA-SAMA

SAMURAI DEEPER

KYO

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CHAPTER 86: BOTENMARU!

RIGHT ...

KYO'S GROUP SHOULD ARRIVE IN KYOTO SOON.

TWO OF SANADA'S RATS HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE...

...

EVERYTHING'S ... BEGINNING AGAIN!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL TIME THAT WAS

KYO ...?

NOTE: SEI-I-TAISHOGUN

HA HA HA HA!

THE RULER OF THE WORLD WILL BE ME, BOTEN-MARU-SAMA!

WHO IS THIS GUY?

OH? HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON?

TYPICAL BRAT

THIS TIME I'LL KILL YOU FOR SURE

YOU IDIOT ...

WHAT ARE YOU BRAG-GING ABOUT?

I'M GOING TO SHUT YOUR DIRTY MOUTH FOR GOOD!

TIME TO PUNISH THE BRAT ...

SASUKE STOP!

OH NO! THAT'S NO ORDINARY GUY... RUSHING IN WITHOUT A PLAN IS SUICIDE!

I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON YOU!

AAH!

EH?

BOTEN-CHAN!

EH...

AH...

YUKI-MURA YOU!!

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YUKIMURA HOW DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

ISN'T THIS BOTEN-CHAN?

ITS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE WE MET! WHAT A COINCIDENCE, MEETING YOU HERE!

WHY? DON'T YOU THINK FATE HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER AGAIN TODAY?

BASTARD! WHY DID YOU CALL ME?

MADE ME GET HIT

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

レーフォ♡

NO! DON'T!!

I WILL ANNOUNCE YOUR SECRET TO THE WHOLE WORLD! ♡

I SEE YOU'VE MET OUR DEAR SASUKE.

YOU KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HIM... ♡

AAH ...

WHAT'S HIS SECRET?

THEY SEEM QUITE CLOSE

...

YOU DEVIL... ALWAYS HITTING PEOPLE'S WEAK POINTS!

UM, YOU COULD SAY THAT. YOU MEET ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS

YUKIMURA-SAN, YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

BUT IF YOU'RE SUDDENLY WORKING ALONE, SOMETHING IMPORTANT MUST BE HAPPENING ...

YUYA-SAN, I FORGOT! IDIOT

... ARE ... WHO?

?

OH, DOESN'T BENITORA KNOW HIM TOO?

WHY PLAY DUMB?

YOU REALLY ARE ...

THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE ...

...

ONE-EYED DRAGON, MASA-MUNE-SAN?

DATE ... NO...

EH?

...

HE'S THE FAMOUS GENERAL ?

WHAT?

THERE'S NO WAY THIS GUY IS THE ONE-EYED DRAGON MASMUNE!

THE LEGENDARY ONE-EYED DRAGON, MASMUNE ...

THE WARLORD KNOWN AS THE "ODA NOBUNAGA OF OSHU," WHO, STARTING FROM NIHONMATSU CASTLE, CONQUERED THIS ENTIRE NORTHERN REGION IN ONLY TWO YEARS.

THE ENTIRE NORTHERN REGION!

I MET HIM A FEW TIMES WHEN HIDEYOSHI-SAN WAS STILL ALIVE

THERE'S SUCH A PERSON!

TOTALLY DESTROYED MY IMAGE OF HIM

A BRILLIANT POLITICIAN AND WAR STRATEGIST, IT IS SAID HIS ENEMIES FLEE WITH FEAR AS SOON AS HIS HORSE APPEARS ON THE FIELD...

...

BOTEN-CHAN WAS AN ALLY OF IEYASU, SO WE FOUGHT AS ENEMIES AT SEKIGAHARA.

NAH, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER OF THOSE GUYS

THERE'S REALLY SUCH A GUY?

HIS IMAGE IS GETTING WORSE

HA HA HA!

BECAUSE THE WORLD BELONGS TO ME!

NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU LOSERS

EH?

YUKIMURA, YOU'D BETTER NOT GET ON MY BAD SIDE! I'M GONNA RULE THE WORLD, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME

BECAUSE I ALREADY CONTROL IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ODA NOBUNAGA...

ACTUALLY ...

AHAHAHAHA! NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA. WANT TO KNOW? YOU WANT TO KNOW? WELL, MAYBE I'LL TAKE PITY ON YOU!

...

INFORMATION ABOUT NOBUNAGA? HAS THE MIBU CLAN ALREADY INITIATED THEIR PLAN?

WHAT?

ACTUALLY NOBUNAGA IS STILL ALIVE, AND HE'S SECRETLY BASED IN THE AOKIGAHARA FOREST.

IN FACT, WE ...

...

HUH?

WE ALREADY KNEW THAT...

AHAHAHA, WELL... ARE YOU SURPRISED? SHOCKED? I'M AMAZING, AREN'T I?

WHAT? YOU'RE THE GROUP THAT DEFEATED NOBUNAGA?!

DAMN THAT BAS-TARD!

WHO'D BELIEVE SOME-THING LIKE THAT?

THIS BUG IS DESTINED FOR HELL ♡

DAMNIT! HE MISLED ME... HE TOLD ME SOME BEAUTIFUL LADIES WITH BIG BOOBS WERE COMING TO KILL NOBUNAGA. MADE ME WAIT HERE FOR NOTHING!

WHAT ?

YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT!

AKIRA...

I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE!

AKIRA ... COULD THAT BE ...

AKIRA-SAMA OF THE SHISEITEN?

WHY WOULD A FAMOUS GENERAL LIKE ONE-EYED DRAGON MASAMUNE KNOW AKIRA-SAMA?

RIGHT ...

WHO ?

WHY WOULD YOU ASK ME SOMETHING SO IRRELEVANT? IT'D BE BETTER TO ASK THAT GUY...

HUH ?

BOTEN-CHAN, HOW DO YOU KNOW AKIRA?

WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM?

...
KYO
?

WHAT
?!

KYO
KNOWS
MASMUNE
TOO?

I WONDER
IF YOUR
SKILLS ARE
RUSTY AS
WELL...

IT'S
BEEN FOUR
YEARS.
YOU'VE
GROWN
HAGGARD
...

WHAT INCREDIBLE ENERGY!

WHY ARE THEY SUDDENLY FIGHTING?

YOU'VE BECOME TOO WEAK!

KYO, THIS SURE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.

TOO BAD...

WELL!?

Aaah!

KYOOO-!

KY...

KA

YOU'RE STILL JUST USING THE OLD BRUTE STRENGTH

CHE ...

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BOKKEN - WOODEN SWORD

THAT'S GUY'S BOKKEN* BEAT KYO'S KATANA?

KYO WAS SO EASILY PARRIED ...

KYO ...

HAHAHA, KYO. YOU REALLY ARE MUCH WEAKER!

JUST AN INSECT NOW!

ONE-EYED DRAGON MASMUNE ... THE LEGENDARY GENERAL REALLY IS STRONG!

HUH ?

ME ...

SUCH A PITIFUL CONDITION ... AND TO THINK YOU COM-MANDED US FOUR YEARS AGO?

ONE OF THE SHISEITEN, THE GREAT BOTEN-MARU?

KYO, I TOLD YOU FOUR YEARS AGO.

IF YOU EVER BETRAY THE SHISEITEN, WE MAY BECOME ENEMIES ...

HE WANTS TO REUNITE THE FOUR OF US... AND TAKE BACK THE POWER WE LOST FOUR YEARS AGO.

THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE SHISEITEN HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN KYOTO...

WHAT AKIRA IS GOING TO DO, RIGHT?

THE GENERAL OF OSHU, THE LEGENDARY DATE MASAMUNE...

IS ONE OF THE SHISEITEN?

KYO, YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

WHAT?!

I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN, KYO ...

SO YOU WANT TO ALLY WITH THE SHISHI-TEN-NO?

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR ANSWER. WE MAY HAVE TO DUEL TO THE DEATH RIGHT NOW!

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HE WAS KYO'S COMRADE IN ARMS... NOW HE'S ONE OF THE SHISEITEN?

A MAN LIKE BOTENMARU IS THE LEGENDARY ONE-EYED DRAGON MASAMUNE?

SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

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KYO, ARE YOU GOING TO ALLY WITH THE SHISEITEN, OR...

...

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR ANSWER....

WE MAY HAVE TO DUEL TO THE DEATH RIGHT NOW.

CHAPTER 87
THE SHISEITEN!

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BUT IT WOULD A PERFECT MEMORIAL FOR YOU, BROTHER, IF ALL OF THE PEOPLE WORKED TOGETHER
BUTCH HIGHTOWER FLEMING, JUNIOR
AND IS STRONGER THAN A WHOLE REGIMENT OF SOLDIERS AND A BETTER FIGHTING MACHINE.
PERHAPS, IF WE ALL FIGHT WITH HIM, CONQUERING THE WORLD IS A PIECE OF CAKE.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THAT PERSON WE SHOULD BE SAVING.
THAT GUY APPARENTLY DOES NOT INTEND TO KILL THE

Rub
Rub

BUT IF WE BECOME ENEMIES ...

IS THIS ...

Your answer?

ARGH!

HN!

KYO!

WATCH THIS...

WHAT IS THIS WIMPY ATTACK?

THIS IS HOW YOU ATTACK!

UH

losing ground?

Is Kyo...

WHAT AMAZING SPEED AND FORCE!

AAAAAH!

ARG

WHY IS KYO'S KATANA UNABLE TO CUT THROUGH THAT BOKKEN? Does it have a metal interior?

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE SHISEITEN

KYO, WHO DEFEATED NOBUNAGA AND BIKARA, IS LOSING?

Kyo!

What? If this was a real sword, you'd be dead by now!

Kyo!

NO.

IT'S NOT THAT...

EVEN IF IT CONTAINED METAL, AGAINST KYO'S TECHNIQUE,

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SLICED IN TWO BY NOW.

HUH!?

TO PREVENT THAT ...

A BOKKEN MUST MEET A KATANA AT A SPECIFIC ANGLE, AND THE WIELDER MUST USE HIS WHOLE BODY TO ABSORB THE IMPACT.

IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT TO MAKE SPLIT-SECOND PREDICTIONS OF KYO'S SPEED AND ANGLE IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT IDIOT CAN FIGHT WITH SO MUCH FORE-THOUGHT?

THERE'S NO TIME TO THINK, IT'S INSTINCTIVE.

SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE SHISEITEN ...

I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D BE SO STRONG

YOU CAN'T REALLY SAY THIS IS THEIR TRUE STRENGTH

OKUNI-SAN?

IN THE PAST, THEIR STRENGTH SURPASSED ALL .

INDEED

CREATING CHAOS EVERYWHERE THEY WENT, THEIR EXISTENCE ONLY BROUGHT TERROR AND BLOODSHED

TO THE WORLD, THEY WERE THE GODS OF DEATH.

ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES.. NEVER DEPENDENT ON ANYONE... NEVER INHIBITED BY ANYONE...

ONLY THOSE WHO COULD SURPASS HUMAN BOUNDARIES COULD WIN THE APPELLATION "SHISEITEN"

WORDS ON CLOAK: MY HEART'S JOY IS TO FOLLOW THIS WAY, DOWN THE PATH WHERE DEATH LIES!

THE ONE WHO STOOD ABOVE THOSE FOUR...

MAN

...used to be Kyo in the past!

You're too weak!

...

WIPE

KYO, YOU...

Kyo... Kyo!

TOO BAD... YOU USED TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYONE.

I GUESS NOBUNAGA MUST BE PATHETIC, IF YOU COULD DEFEAT HIM.

...

NO WONDER EVEN A GUY LIKE AKIRA COULD STEAL YOUR BODY.

YOU'VE REALLY BECOME WEAKER. I'M SO DISAP-POINTED.

You loved blood and war, and lived for death matches.

That's right, you weren't human. You were a demon of war.

You actually think you can defeat me with a body like that?

BUT NOW YOU HAVE NOTHING.

IN FACT ...

...

HUH?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

RETURN TO YOUR BIRTHPLACE,

AOKIGAHARA?

RATHER THAN LET OTHERS SEE YOUR PATHETIC STATE WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO...

KYO...

IT'S REALLY TERRIBLE.

IT'S FROM THE BATTLE WITH NOBUNAGA.

THAT WOUND

IT SEEMS HEALED, BUT IT'S A DEEP CUT THAT WILL SPLIT OPEN IF HE MOVES AROUND TOO MUCH.

...

NO MATTER WHAT, AOKIGAHARA IS THE PLACE WHERE YOU GREW UP.

Because you are Mibu Clan's ...

YOU TALK TOO MUCH

To shut your yapping mouth ...

BOTEN-MARU!

it looks like I'll have to kill you.

CLANG

CLANG

PFFT!

SUCH A STRONG KILLING AURA...

KYO!

KYO'S MOVEMENTS HAVE SURPASSED BOTENMARU'S EXPECTATIONS...

THAT GUY'S BOKKEN ...

...

HA HA HA HA HA!

THAT WASN'T HALF BAD. YOU REALLY ARE AN INTERESTING GUY!

AND YOUR EYES ...

ARE STARTING TO BECOME DEMONIC AGAIN.

...

YOU'RE STILL LIKE BEFORE,

ALWAYS SUPRISING ME!

What!

FROM THE BEGINNING, I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T APPROVE OF AKIRA!

What?

HA! QUIT JOKING AROUND! FLAT-CHESTED LADY...

AH? BUT AREN'T YOU GOING TO KYOTO TO MEET AKIRA?

ME NEITHER.

I DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO THE OLDEN DAYS.

The world has changed too much

...

HUH?

I'M GONNA GET HIM GOOD THIS TIME! HA HA HA!

THE ONLY REASON I'M GOING TO KYOTO IS TO TEACH THAT AKIRA A LESSON FOR TRYING TO USURP MY THRONE.

I DON'T THINK FACING THE OTHER THREE OF THE SHISEITEN ALONE IS SUCH A GREAT IDEA.

HOWEVER ...

...

HA HA HA!

WHAT, IS HE SERIOUS?

Or is he just an idiot?

I'm sure you're not going to betray me, right?

Why don't we work together?

WHY DON'T WE HELP ONE ANOTHER?

OUR DESTINATIONS ARE THE SAME.

I'M GOING TO CRUSH AKIRA, YOU'RE GOING TO RETRIEVE YOUR BODY.

KYOTO...

I'm sick of you shiseiten!

I'm going to get my body back by myself.

BESIDES, I'M MUCH BETTER THAN THOSE THREE PUT TOGETHER.

What? Are you kidding?

I...

KYO, YOU...

SERIOUSLY?

WONDERFUL, SO BOTENMARU DOESN'T WANT TO BE ENEMIES WITH KYO, BUT

...

REALLY HAVE CHANGED QUITE A BIT.

BECAUSE YOU ARE MIBU CLAN'S...

WHAT WAS HE TRYING TO SAY JUST NOW?

The man who made your katana, Muramasa, asked me to bring you to him.

And...
He is
extremely
ill.

He's dying...

but he's still
thinking about
you...

WHY
WOULD
MURAMASA
WANT TO
SEE KYO?

WE'RE OLD
FRIENDS. HE
BEGGED ME
DESPERATELY.

SO I
COULDN'T
REFUSE
HIM.

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征夷大将軍・徳川家康をブッ殺し次なる天下人になる漢

征夷大将軍

覚醒の梵天丸様とはオレ様のことよ!!

奴あ今 病魔に冒され……

死の床からお前を呼んでんせ――!!

SAMURAI DEEPER
KYO

IN ORDER TO RETRIEVE KYO'S BODY, KYO'S GROUP TRAVELS TOWARDS KYOTO TO FIND AKIRA...

SUDDENLY ONE OF THE SHISE TEN, BONTENMARU WHO WANTS TO DEFEAT TOKUGAWA EYASU APPEARS

BUT BONTENMARU IS NONE OTHER THAN THE LEGENDARY GENERAL OF OSHU, ONE-EYED DRAGON DATE MASAMUNE ALSO ONE OF THE SHI SE TEN AND KYO'S EX-COMPANION

四聖天が一人 梵天丸様によお……

HE WIELDS HIS BOKKEN (WOODEN SWORD) WITH AMAZING STRENGTH...

AFTER THE DEATH-MATCH WITH KYO, THEY DECIDED TO MAKE USE OF EACH OTHER BY TRAVELLING TOGETHER

AFTER BONTENMARU TOLD THEM THAT MURAMASA, THE SWORDSMITH WHO FORGED KYO'S SWORD, WAS DEATHLY ILL, THEY DECIDED TO TRAVEL TO MEET HIM

WAS REALLY FUNNY!

HA! THAT EXPRESSION ON X'S FACE AT THAT TIME ...

EH?

A YEAR THAT EXISTED JUST TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF OSHU BECOMING MY TERRITORY!

THAT WAS A YEAR THAT EXISTED JUST FOR ME! IT WAS MY MOST GLORIOUS YEAR! IT'S PROBABLY

SHUT THE HELL UP

AFTER THAT I IMMEDIATELY KILLED ALL OF Z'S MINIONS!

X'S BLOOD JUST LANDED ON Y. AND Y WAS ALL BLOODY!

SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

CHAPTER 08 - THE SEITEN WHO WAS ATTACKED!

AH! I MADE A MISTAKE ... BENITORA ♡

AM I RIGHT? HIDE.

DON'T

STOP IT! ENOUGH!

YOU STILL DON'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF DANGER, DO YOU? IT'S YOUR TURN NEXT! HA HA HA

?

SIGH

...

HA...

HA HA HA ♡

IT'S BECOME MORE LIVELY SINCE BONTENMARU APPEARED!

SASUKE, YOU'RE SIGHING ...

WHAT'S WRONG?

SINCE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYWAY

MY AFFAIRS ARE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

SASUKE I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN!

UH

DON'T BOTHER WITH IT!

YOU REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE MY PRESENCE

WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU?

DON'T STAND BEHIND ME! WHAT IF YOU GET YOURSELF KILLED?

HUH ...?

YUKI .. YUKI-MURA!

BECAUSE ... OTHER THAN YOU, THERE CAN BE NO OTHER SARUTOBI SASUKE ...

SASUKE'S SHY HE'S JUST A KID AFTER ALL!

I wonder Who will d o if they cant me

GO TO HELL!

スパー

WERE YOU THE ONE WHO TATTLED TO YUKIMURA?

EH?

HA. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I DO HELP OTHERS OCCASION-ALLY, AFTER ALL

KYO...

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO IN THIS SITUATION?

IF YOU USE THIS BODY YOU'VE BORROWED...

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT AKIRA...

YOU'RE HIS IDOL...

4 YEARS AGO, WHEN YOU TURNED TRAITOR, HE WAS SO SHOCKED HE COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK...

NOW THAT YOU'VE REFUSED HIS OFFER...

HE JUST MIGHT ...

THAT GUY ...

HEY.

TALKING ABOUT THAT FELLOW..

HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO ACHIEVE H S GOALS!

DESTROY YOUR REAL BODY...

... HMPH!

TH;S MAN

HA! IT'S SO EASY TO MAKE YOU ANGRY!

JUST SHUT UP...

STOP TALKING BULLSHIT!

THE MAN WHO MADE KYO NERVOUS TO THIS EXTENT, MURAMASA . WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE? WHAT'S HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KYO? WHAT DOES MURAMASA WANT TO TELL KYO?"

KYO'S MORE SILENT, SOLEMN, AND BAD-TEMPERED THAN USUAL ..

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY HE'S LOOKING FOR KYO... ABOUT HIS LOOKS

AH? YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT MURA-MASA?

BONTENMARU-SAN.. WHAT'S MURAMASA-SAN LIKE? AND WHY IS HE LOOKING FOR KYO?

JUST JOKING! HE SELDOM SPEAKS.. LIKE KYO, HE'S THE SILENT TYPE. HA HA! I FOOLED YOU!

MURAMASA ... LOOKS LIKE THIS!

WELL THE TWO OF THEM ARE PRETTY COMPAT-IBLE!

ARGH WHY DID I ASK HIM

BECAUSE KYO AND MURAMASA...

THEY BOTH SMELL THE SAME, THEY STINK!

BONTEN-MARU... STOP TALKING!

THOUGH HIS BODY IS FRAIL, HE HAS CAPABLITIES FAR EXCEEDING THAT OF A NORMAL HUMAN'S!

AND... MURA-MASA ...

HUH ...

WHAT?

WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY OVER SUCH A SMALL MATTER?

OR...

I'LL LET YOU DIE HERE FIRST!

HEY GUYS. BON-TEN-MARU ONCE ...

SHUT UP!

YUKIMURA, STAY OUT OF THIS!

It took me so long to find something interesting to do

OH? YOU WANNA HEAR SOME-THING INTER-ESTING?

THE TWO ARE EMITTING ASTONISHING KILLING AURAS THEY

WAIT A MINUTE!

YUKIMURA'S THE ONLY WHO CAN HANDLE HIM.

PRO ...

DAMN HIM!

HAI... DON'T BE LIKE THIS

EVERY-ONE LOOK!

IS THAT IT?

THEY BOTH STINK...?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?

MURA-MASA'S HOUSE ...

SO THIS IS WHERE HE LIVES

HEY ...

YEAH ...

IT'S SO BEAU-TIFUL

BUT, IT LOOKS LIKE NO ONE'S AROUND ...

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ?

WHA ...?

OH NO

THERE'S NO TIME!

DANGER!

AH AH AH !

K...

KYO! BONTEN-MARU-SAN!

WHO SENT YOU? THIS GIRL ISN'T THE ONE YOU'RE AFTER, IS SHE?

WHO ARE THESE PE

THEIR COOP-ERATION IS AL-MOST PERFECT !

THEIR SPEED IS FAN-TASTIC!

KYAAA

IF YOU HAVE A DEATH

HN! THEY'VE GOT GUTS

HAH HA HA HA !!

IT'S RE-FRESH-ING...

ABSO-LUTELY GREAT!

THEN I'LL FULFILL IT!

YES ...

THEIR OPPONENTS ARE STRONG,

YET THEY'RE ABLE TO WIN EASILY ...

THAT WE WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR PRESENCE FROM THE START THOUGH THEY WERE NEARBY!

LOOK! THEIR SPEED, ACTIONS, STRENGTH...

THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE...

THEY'RE UNQUESTIONABLY HIGHLY SKILLED ASSASINS ...

THE BEST PROOF OF THAT IS ...

WEAK?

YOU MUST HAVE MISJUDGED THEM ...

THOUGH WE WERE SHOCKED BY THEIR APPEARANCE...

THEY'RE REALLY WEAK!

HMPH... THEY'VE EVEN GOT RID OF OUR SHARE!

BECAUSE THOSE TWO ...

ARE MORE TERRIFYING THAN DEMONS!

AND

WHAT'S HAPPENING? THE VIBE CREATED BY THE DEMONS IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN

KYAA

THIS ... THIS IS...

THIS IS ONIME NO KYO - THE SHISEITEN, WHO ONCE MADE THE HEAVENS TREMBLE IN FEAR!!

YOU TEENY LITTLE SHISEITEN ...

YOU DARE TO OPPOSE ME?

SHOULDN'T WE SETTLE WHO'S THE MASTER AND WHO'S THE SLAVE RIGHT HERE?

REALLY! I HAD TO DO THE GRUNT WORK PERSONALLY...

YOU'RE REALLY ANNOYING. THIS CAN'T GO ON!

WHAT ?

WHAT ?

IS IT REALLY BECAUSE OF ME? OR IS IT BECAUSE OF YUYA-SAN?

YEAH

THEY'RE BOTH SCARY

HEY HANG ON, THE TWO OF YOU ..

GLADLY

BRING IT ON

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THEY'RE THE MIBU CLAN'S ASSASINS!

THOUGH THEY LOOK LIKE HUMANS . THEY'RE THE STRANGE RESIDENTS OF AOKIGAHARA .

DON'T TELL ME THEY ARE ..

MIBU ... MIBU CLAN?

WHAT ?

HUH ?

IN OTHER WORDS

THEIR ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON THIS HOUSE

IF WE WERE THEIR TARGETS THEY WOULD'VE SENT MORE PEOPLE AND THESE ARE ALL LOW-LY ASSASINS NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE [illegible] CLAN

IT'S SOMETHING ELSE

KYO

YOU'VE FINALLY BECOME A TARGET OF THE MIBU CLAN

YOU'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE!

!!

THEY DIDN'T WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO MEET?

THEIR TARGET IS MURA-MASA!

AAA

AA...

NO

HUH..!?

A

DON'T TELL ME MURA-MASA'S ALREADY ...

IT'S TRUE!

GYA AA AA AA ...!

MUMYO-JIN-PURYU'S 'MIZUCHI'!

THIS FATAL ATTACK 'S

THIS

THIS TACTIC IS

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

KYO YOU'RE FINALLY HERE

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME WAIT SO LONG?

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO ASKED ME ...

AND YOU DARE TO ACCUSE ME?

LONG TIME NO SEE ...

MURAMASA ...

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A THOUSAND APOLOGIES FOR THE NAME IN CHAPTER 86 & 87 THAT WAS SPELLED WRONGLY.

'BOTENMARU' SHOULD BE SPELLED AS 'BONTENMARU'. THANK YOU FOR POINTING IT OUT TO US 'DENX'

FOR CHAPTER 87, IT WAS TRANSLATED BY SWIRLY, NOT SPECTRUM.

I DID THIS WHILE I WAS SICK, YOU GUYS BETTER LIKE IT.

-ICEBRINGER

SAMURAI DEEPER

KYO キョウ

CHAPTER 89:
The Assasins Sent By The 'Gods'

THIS...

THIS MAN IS THE ONE WHO'S FATALLY ILL, THE FAMOUS SWORDSMITH MURAMASA?

WHY IS HE LOOKING FOR KYO URGENTLY?

EVERYONE ... WELCOME ...

AHHH

...

YOU CAME FROM FAR AWAY...

IT MUST'VE BEEN A TIRING JOURNEY!

AND... WHY IS HE ALSO A TARGET OF THE MIBU CLAN?

WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KYO?

THAT ATTACK WAS 'MIZUCHI'...

WHY? OTHER THAN KYO AND KYOSHIRO.

THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS THE MUMYOJINPURYU?

THANKS... BONTEN-MARU

STEP

MURAMASA...

I'VE FULFILLED OUR PACT AND BROUGHT KYO HERE!

THANK ME!

YES...

KYO...

THANKS FOR COMING

NO MATTER WHAT...

BEFORE MY LIFE ENDS, I HAVE TO AT LEAST HAVE ONE LAST LOOK AT MY BELOVED DISCIPLE!

SO THIS PERSON KNOWS 'MIZUCHI'

NO WONDER...

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT KYO THE 'MUMYO-JINPURYU'!

DISCIPLE?

KYO HAS A TEACHER?

YOU TOO...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL!

HN...

YOU LOOK MORE ENERGETIC THAN I IMAGINED!

IF MURAMASA'S ABLE TO RECOVER AFTER SEEING KYO . !THAT'LL BE FANATASTIC!

BEING TABLE TO HAVE GOT HERE IN TIME TO HAVE ONE LAST LOOK...

IT'S GREAT!

COULD IT BE... WAS KYO BAD TEMPERED BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIS TEACHER'S FATAL ILLNESS..!

HM...?

TURNS

THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME, YUYA-SAN ...

WHY DOES HE KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING...

AND...

WHY DOES HE KNOW MY NAME?

HUH ...?

MY ILLNESS CAN NEVER BE TREATED...

BUT I'M STILL GLAD THAT YOU'RE VERY WORRIED OVER ME...

OH...

AND...

WHAT?

YUKIMURA...

I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED THE ASSASINS WITH 'MIZUCHI'!

WOW...

OKUNI-SAN...

I'M A LITTLE OLDER THAN YOU THINK I AM!

EH?!

BENITORA ...

I'M NOT FEMALE!

SASUKE...

DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER ...

?!

THIS MAN...!

THIS...

IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE SHOCKED ...

WHY DOES HE KNOW WHAT WE'RE THINKING?

STEP

STEP

EVEN WITHOUT SPEAKING ALOUD... HE'S ABLE TO KNOW WHAT ANY PERSON IS THINKING... IN OTHER WORDS...

HE'S THE BEST 'THIEF'!

THIS MAN...

HE'S GOT THE ABILITY TO SEE THROUGH A PERSON'S HEART...

'SATORI'!

SORRY...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU, IT'S JUST THAT I HAVEN'T MET ANYONE FOR SO LONG, SO...

HOW DOES THIS ABILITY WORK...?

BLA BLA BLA

SHOCK

AH...

'SATORI'?

ABLE TO SEE THOUGHTS ...?!

IT'S ACTUALLY MORE LIKE... NATURALLY RECEIVING THOUGHTS...

RATHER THAN PENETRATE A MIND...

STRONG THOUGHTS ARE LIKE SHOUTS...

UNFOCUSED ONES ARE LIKE WHISPERS ...

OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT ANYWAY...

I BET GIRLS JUST LOVE IT!

SO CONVE-NIENT!

SHIVER

FEELS AS THOUGH I'M NAKED...

HE'S AS WEIRD AS KYO

I JUST HEAR WHATEVER A PERSON IS THINKING OF SAYING AS ACTUAL SPEECH...

I ONLY USE 'SATORI' WHEN I'M FORGING SWORDS...

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BLADE IS FEELING...

AND IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO BEFRIEND ANIMALS...

BECAUSE PEOPLE'S HEARTS ARE THE HARDEST THING TO UNDERSTAND ON THIS EARTH...

AND THERE'RE MANY THINGS I'M BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING!

HONESTLY...

I ONLY KNOW WHAT A PERSON IS THINKING ON THE SURFACE...

I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING DEEPER THAN THAT!

PLEASE DON'T FEEL THIS WAY...

IT'S NOT AS IF EVERYTHING IS SENT OVER...

SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS

I'D BETTER NOT GET TOO CLOSE

HUH?

THE EXPLANATION ...

WILL HAVE TO WAIT 'TILL KYO RETURNS!

...

THAT'S BECAUSE

BUT, WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS ABILITY. ?

WHAT THE BLADE IS FEELING ?

WHERE DID HE GO?

WHERE'S KYO?

EVERYONE, PLEASE REST INSIDE MY HOUSE...

I'LL GO BRING HIM BACK...

HA...

HE'S STILL AS IMPATIENT AS EVER ...

STEP

STEP

STEP

FLAP

LEAVING SO SOON?

INSTEAD OF WASTING MY TIME HERE,

I'D RATHER HURRY TO RETRIEVE MY BODY...

I CAME TO TAKE ONE LAST LOOK...

BUT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'LL DIE ANYTIME SOON, AND...

YOU'RE STILL THE SAME...

NO PATIENCE AT ALL

DON'T NAG AT ME!

RUSTLE

WHILE
*HE'S BE
*ALONE

*HE'S
PROBABLY
MENTION
*HE'S *OK*

AND
MURAMASA
IS EVEN
*FASTER

HE'S PROBABL
*HE ONE WHO
KNOWS EVEN
MORE POWE

*HOUGH
MURAMASA
WANTED US
*O WAI

I CAN'* JUS*
SIT *HERE

*OU'RE
RIGHT

*HE REASON
WHY YOU CAME

WAS IT BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
*O ASK ME
*O *AKE A LOO
*HE WAY
*O BE*TER VE
YOUR SKI*?

LET ME
ASK YO

YOU'RE
RIGHT

YOU CAN
TELL WHAT
I'M *HINKING

WHY DOES
HE ALWAYS
ANSWER

WITH YOUR
CURRENT SKILL

DON'T TALK
ABOUT DEFEATING
*HEM

YOU AREN'T EVEN
CLOSE *O
BEING AN EQ

YOU CANNOT
USE YOUR
OF YOUR
FULL STRENGTH
AND YOU'RE
CONSTRAINED
BY THE
10-MINUTE
LIMIT

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE...

IS TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT THE MUMYOJINPURYU, ISN'T IT?

YOU CAN ONLY USE 'MIZUCHI'...

NO! YOU CAN'T EVEN USE THE FULL POWER OF THE 'MIZUCHI'...

YOU'RE HELPLESS!

TAKING A RISK...

WHETHER THE MIBU CLAN WILL DISCOVER MY HIDE-OUT...

I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE...

TO PASS ON EVERYTHING I KNOW BEFORE I DIE...

... AN IMITATION, KYO HASN'T FULLY GRASPED THE MuMYO-JINPURYU ...

KYO'S 'MIZUCHI' IS IMPERFECT?

YES! KYOSHIRO MENTIONED IT TOO BEFORE ..

...

BECAUSE

I WAS ONCE A KEY FIGURE IN THE MIBU CLAN ...

I WILL PASS ON EVERYTHING I KNOW...

EVERYTHING ...

TO YOU...

MURAMASA'S ALSO RELATED TO KYOSHIRO AND THE MIBU CLAN?!

WHAT?!

BEFORE THAT, I HAVE TO ASK YOU SOME-THING .

BUT .. WHY DOES HE WANT TO PASS ON EVERYTHING TO KYO?

BECAUSE HE WANTED TO LEAVE THE CLAN, HE WAS TARGETED BY THE CLAN'S ASSASSINS?

HIS ABILITY TO READ THOUGHTS 'SATORI' . IS IT BECAUSE HE'S A MEMBER OF THE MIBU CLAN?

WHAT IS IT AIMED AT?

THE ANGER THAT'S BOILING WITHIN YOU ...

... ANGER?

I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG ...

...

AT KYOSHIRO, WHO SEALED YOU?

OR AT THE MIBU CLAN, THE REAL PERPETRATORS THAT CONTROLLED EVERYTHING?

I JUST WANT TO GET THE TITLE OF THE 'STRONGEST' ...

AND THEN KILL THOSE IRRITATING FELLOWS...

THAT'S ALL...

LIKE THIS...

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN AVOID THE BATTLING-AND-KILLING LIFESTYLE ...

YOU'RE STILL SO INTERESTING ...

HA...

THE WORLD'S SO BIG,

BUT I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DARES TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT DESPITE KNOWING THE MIBU CLAN'S MIGHT!

KYO...

WE DIDN'T THINK...

THAT WE'D BE LOOKED DOWN UPON ...

A LOWLY MIBU ASSASSIN ??

A... ANOTHER HUNTER??

AND HIS MOVEMENTS ARE FASTER THAN THE OTHER VILLAGERS'

MURAMASA...

YOU FLED FROM THE MIBU CLAN...

DON'T THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE!!

THIS SERIOUS CRIME...

YOU SHALL PAY FOR IT WITH YOUR LIFE!!

YOU'RE ALSO ON OUR ASSASSIN'S LIST

YOU ACTUALLY DELIVERED YOURSELF TO OUR DOORSTEP

THAT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR YOU.

YOUR TWINS SUCK'S

I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET RID OF YOU!

HAH!

NAIVE FOOL...

YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL US WITH YOUR ABILITIES?

=''!! STEP

BECAUSE YOU ...

DON'T GROUP US TOGETHER WITH THE ADVANCE PARTY YOU MET JUST NOW...

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY ...

THE BOTH OF YOU HAVE TO DIE HERE !!!

K...

KYO!

WHO DID YOU SAY WILL DIE ...?

WHAT A LAME JOKE

ANYONE WHO OPPOSES ME ...

I'LL KILL THEM ALL ...

NO MATTER WHO IT IS!

AHH!

CLAP!

CLAP!

!?

YOUR KILLING AURA AND SWORDS-MANSHIP ARE STILL AS SHARP AS EVER!

BUT...

IT SEEMS LIKE THE BATTLE HASN'T ENDED...

HA HA...

KYO'S REALLY MAD NOW ...

WHAT A STRONG KILLING AURA..

I'M SHIVERING EVEN THOUGH I'M HIDDEN HERE!

オオオオオオ

CLAP CLAP

SO IT'S TRUE THAT I CAN'T DEPEND ON SIMPLE ASSASSINS ...

LONG TIME NO SEE ...

ONIME NO KYO ...

SHINREI ...

*GFX: WATER

MURAMASA-SAMA ...

WHY DID SOMEONE LIKE YOU LEAVE THE CLAN? AND WHY DID YOU ASSOCIATE YOURSELF WITH THIS FELLOW?

EVEN THE GOYOSIE HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED ...

LOOKS LIKE THE MIBU CLAN REALLY WANTS MY LIFE ...

ANOTHER MIBU KILLER? AND KYO RECOGNIZED HIM?

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

AND THAT MAN .

JUST LOOKING AT HIM IS CAUSING ME TO SHAKE! WHY. IT'S SCARY!

SHIVER

I'M SORRY ...

BUT, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DIE WITH KYO!!

...

HIS AURA'S LIKE HUNDREDS OF NEEDLES... IT FEELS LIKE THE AIR HAS FROZEN!!

WHAT A STRONG KILLING AURA!!

U R G H !!!

IF THAT'S THE CASE.

... YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME ...

KYO...

CAN THE PRESENT YOU DEFEAT SHINRE!?

I REMEMBER THAT YOUR SKILLS WERE JUST ON PAR WITH HIS IN THE PAST ...

CORRECT! MURAMASA-SAMA, THAT WAS IN THE PAST...

NOW I'M MUCH STRONGER THAN THIS FELLOW!

THAT WAS THE PAST!

YOU OLD FOGEY

水

SYMBOL OF WATER

BECAUSE.

KYO IS A MEMBER OF THE MIBU CLAN?!

THE MIBU CLAN SHOULDN'T HAVE A USELESS MEMBER LIKE HIM ...

KYO ...

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KYO'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE MIBU CLAN?!

ISN'T THAT JUST KYOSHIRO AND MURAMASA...

LIAR...

HE'S LYING ...

HOW...

KYO

SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

CHAPTER 90: THE DIVINE CLAN

YOU USELESS FOOL, STILL DARING TO INSULT OTHERS?

IF THAT'S THE CASE ... I SEE NO REASON TO LET YOU LIVE ON ...

DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH YOU USELESS IDIOTS...

WE AREN'T ALIKE AT ALL!

THIS HAS YET TO BE SEEN ...

I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT NOW!

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ゴゴゴ

AH...

Alert, はっ

MURAMASA!

WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER MY PRESENCE?

KYO'S REALLY A MEMBER OF THE MIBU CLAN?

KYO ...

A MORE ACCURATE WAY OF SAYING IT WOULD BE...

HE'S AN EX-MEMBER!

MURAMASA ... WHO IS THAT PERSON?

AND... THE MIBU CLAN ...

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE! I HAVE 'SATORI', THE ABILITY TO READ THOUGHTS ...

I ACTUALLY WANTED TO PRETEND I HADN'T NOTICED YOU... BUT, NOW THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED, COME...

BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN, DON'T LEAVE MY SIDE!

RUSTLE

ALL ... ALRIGHT ...

HE IS...

ONE OF THE GOYOSEI,

THE TEAM WHICH FIGHTS THE MIBU CLAN'S BATTLES,

NAMED SHINREI ...

HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THOSE DISPOSABLE WARRIORS JUST NOW...

HE'S AN ELITE WARRIOR OF THE CLAN!

HE CONTROLS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE CLAN, AND HAS ABSOLUTE POWER AND AUTHORITY ...

HE'S SAID TO BE THE REINCARNATION OF THE 'TRUTH',

TO THE MIBU CLAN, HE'S GOD!

... YES!

THE MIBU CLAN'S LEADER ?

THEY WON'T STRIKE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THEIR LEADER!

THE CLAN LEADER PROBABLY LAID DOWN THE ORDER TO KILL KYO AND MYSELF PERSONALLY ...

THE ORIGINAL DUTY OF THE GOYOSEI ...

WAS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CLAN LEADER

HE'S ALSO KNOWN AS 'AKA NO OU' IN AOKIGAHARA ...

BUT THE POSITION SHOULD BE VACANT NOW ...

... WHO CAN IT BE...?

'AKA NO OU' ?

AKA...

AKA NO OU ...

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WHO GOVERNS AOKIGAHARA. AND THE CITIZENS THERE TREAT HIM AS A GOD...

THAT 'AKA NO OU'... IS THE LEADER OF THE MIBU CLAN?

THINKING... THINKING BACK...

AH!

DON'T... DON'T TELL ME

KYO...

USED TO BE THE 'AKA NO OU'?

THE MIBU CLAN DOESN'T HAVE A LEADER NOW...

DOESN'T THAT MEAN...

YOU ARE 'AKA NO OU' AREN'T YOU?

WHEN KYO WAS IN AOKIGAHARA, THE VILLAGE HEAD OF THE PEOPLE WHO GUARDED THE JIGOKUMON CALLED HIM 'AKA NO OU'

THE ONE KNOWN AS THE BEST WORK OF THE MIBU CLAN,

KYOSHIRO

THE ONE MAGICIAN WHO WAS ABLE TO TRANSFER NOBUNAGA'S SOUL TO ANOTHER BODY

THE MIBU CLAN'S GOD ONIMIE NO KYO ALSO KNOWN AS [illegible] AKA NO OU

THE MIBU CLAN'S MEMBERS WHO LOOK LIKE THE CITIZENS OF AOKIGAHARA

THE ONE WHO'S SWORDMASTERY IS ON A PAR OR EVEN BETTER THAN KYO'S BUT CHOSE TO LEAVE THE WAY OF THE SWORD BOTH KYO AND KYOSHIRO USE TACTICS FROM THE SCHOOL OF THE MUMYOJI [illegible]

THE REASON WHY BOTH KYO AND KYOSHIRO ARE HUNTED BY THE MIBU CLAN IS

AND THE HIDING PLACE OF THE MIBU CLAN DEEP IN AOKIGAHARA

WHY DO KYO AND KYOSHIRO HATE EACH OTHER?

WHY DO THEY BATTLE EACH OTHER?

WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM?

ALL THE ANSWERS

...

ARE HIDDEN IN THE MIBU CLAN!

MURA ... MASA ...

TILL THE DAY WHEN KYO TELLS YOU EVERYTHING ...

I HAVE ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT ...

PLEASE PROTECT KYO IN THE FUTURE ...

AND KYOSHIRO ...

TAKE MY PLACE, AS

TOUCH

YUYA-SAN ...

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE MANY QUESTIONS AND SUSPICIONS BUT...

AH ...

NO...

THAT DAY WILL COME SOONER OR LATER...

BUT... BUT...

KYO WILL NEVER TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT HIM...

MURA ... MURA-MASA ...

BECAUSE ...

I ALREADY KNOW!

KYO ...

YOUR STRUGGLES ARE FUTILE ..

OUR CLAN HAS ALREADY TAKEN ACTION!

HMMM?

DIVINE JUDGEMENT?

YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU LIKE ...

THE CLAN HAS DECIDED

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE BACKGROUND AGAIN?

YOU BIG ARSY COWARDLY BUNCH

WE WILL CARRY OUT "DIVINE JUDGEMENT"!

IN THE PAST...

THE MIBU CLAN...

EVER SINCE THE TAIKA ERA

IT'S BEEN CONTROLLING JAPAN'S HISTORY FROM THE SHADOWS

IT'S AN ETERNAL RULE THAT REMAINS CONSTANT...

DESPITE CHANGES IN ERA OR CHANGES IN EMPERORS!

WHEN KAMAKURA BEGAN TO DECLINE, WE DROPPED UP THE ASHIKAGAS

AND IMMEDIATELY CHANGED THIS COUNTRY TO THE MUROMACHI BAKUFU.

WHEN THE TAIRA CLAN BECAME TOO ARROGANT

WE LENT OUR STRENGTH TO THE MINAMOTOS AND WE SECRETLY CONTROLLED THE KAMAKURA SHOGUNATE.

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: KAMAKURA IS THE THE LEADER OF THE MINAMOTO CLAN, ASHIKAGA IS THE SURNAME OF THE LEADERS OF THE MUROMACHI ERA. REAL EVENTS IN HISTORY. BAKUFU = ERA OR PERIOD. SO I GUESS YOU CAN USE INTERCHANGEABLY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO USE BAKUFU. :)

BUT SOON, THE BALANCE WILL GRADUALLY BE LOST

BECAUSE OF YOU..

YOU INITIATED THE CHANGES AT THE HONNOJI TEMPLE!

THE MIBU CLAN CONTROLLED EVERYTHING IN THIS MANNER.

IT SHOULD HAVE LASTED FOREVER

ODA NOBUNAGA WAS SLATED TO BE THE NEXT RULER...

BUT YOU KILLED HIM! FROM THEN ON, THIS COUNTRY'S HISTORY WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ALTERED...

...

BUT...

WE DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO INTERFERE AGAIN!

YOU ALTERED HISTORY IN COMPLEX WAYS ...

TILL IT COULDN'T BE RESTORED ...

IT FINALLY EVOLVED AND ALLOWED THAT TRASH, TOKAGAWA IEYASU'S ARMY TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS

WE DIDN'T WANT TO CONTROL THE WEST OR EAST ARMY...

WE WANTED TO REVIVE NOBUNAGA TO LET EVERYTHING RETURN TO THE WAY IT SHOULD BE ...

BUT WE DIDN'T TROUBLE OURSELVES WITH SUCH MINOR ERRORS...

AT THE BATTLE OF SEKIGAHARA ...

WHAT?

HE'S THE FIRST PERSON WHO DARED TO OPPOSED US, THE MIBU CLAN, WHICH CREATED THIS COUNTRY, AND HAD BEEN CONTROLLING IT FOR MANY YEARS!

IEYASU DOESN'T LISTEN TO OUR ORDERS AT ALL, HE CONTROLS THIS COUNTRY ENTIRELY ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL.

WE NEED TO CLEAN UP THE RUBBISH...

TO RESTORE THE MUTATED HISTORY TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM...

SO ...

SYMBOL ON NECK 'WATER'

HE'S ONLY A USELESS PIECE OF TRASH...

YET HE DARES TO OPPOSE THE 'GOD-LIKE' MIBU CLAN!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE EXTENT OF YOUR CRIMES? YOU LET THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING TOKUGAWA ...

YOU BECAME ARROGANT BECAUSE YOU CONTROLLED THE SITUATION FOR AN INSTANT

KILL THE TOKUGAWAS ... THE MIBU CLAN WILL RULE ...?

What

what

WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED! WE'LL START FROM THE REBELS, THE TOKUGAWAS, AND ELIMINATE ALL THE NAIVE FOOLS WHO DARE TO GO AGAINST THE MIBU CLAN!

THE MIBU CLAN WILL FINALLY EMERGE ON THE STAGE OF HISTORY!

USING THE 'DIVINE' JUDGEMENT

IT'S TIME TO CONTROL THE ENTIRE WORLD!

SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS ...

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT

BENI...

BENITORA!

...

YUKIMURA!

WE WERE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR YUYA-SAN ...

BUT WE HEARD SOME BORING CRAP AS WELL!

YUP! BECAUSE ...

I'M THE ONE WHO'LL KILL IEYASU!

WHO DID YOU SAY YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE?

YOU SHOULD LOOK AT YOUR OPPONENT BEFORE BRAGGING!

HE DISAPPEARED ?

I DIDN'T THINK THERE'D BE FOOLS WHO DO NOT FEAR THE MIBU CLAN HERE!

FOOLS ...

CAN ONLY BE DECIDED AFTER WE BATTLE ...

WHO THE FOOL IS ...

HEE HEE

OH...

IT'S 6 COINS!

YOU SHOULD BE SANADA YUKIMURA?

HAI... I WAS ABLE TO TOUCH YOUR BACK SO EASILY...

I THINK YOU CAN'T EVEN DEFEAT THE MIBU'S LOWLY ASSASINS!

I WASN'T AWARE OF HIS MOVEMENTS AT ALL...

HAS HE GONE BEYOND WHAT OUR 5 SENSES CAN DETECT?

WHO... WHO'S THIS FELLOW?

I CAN'T EVEN FEEL HIM BREATHING

WHAT? HE'S TOYING WITH THEM?

HN!

HA..

YOU HANGING A USELESS FELLOW NAMED KYO...

OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE USELESS TOO!

...

HE'S LIKE 'GOD'?

IF WE GO AGAINST HIM...

DO WE HAVE A CHANCE?

IS HE HUMAN?

COMPARED TO OUR PREVIOUS OPPONENTS, HE'S SO DIFFERENT...

IT'S AS IF HE'S FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

THEY'RE ABOUT THE SAME STANDARD AS YOU, USELESS ...

THOUGH THESE PEOPLE ARE INTERFERING ...

11 STEP

KYO...

WHAT CAN WE DO?

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN!

スススススー

RUSTLE

NOW...

YOU'VE OBSTRUCTED THE MIBU CLAN'S PLANS MANY TIMES...

SO...

WE WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU WISH...

I'LL TURN YOU INTO DUST, TOGETHER WITH THIS FLAWED PART OF HISTORY!

I...

ONLY WANT TO KILL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN MY WAY!

AND, AREN'T YOU PEOPLE JUMPING AT NOTHING?

DON'T PUSH ALL THE BLAME TO OTHERS!

BUT, AFTER HEARING THIS PIECE OF NEWS, I'LL SEE IF YOU CAN STILL MAINTAIN THIS ATTITUDE ?

I'VE HATED PEOPLE LIKE YOU FOR VERY LONG!

TO ATTAIN THE POWER YOU WANT, YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU AT ALL ...

YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THE BEGIN-NING

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

YOU ...

HAS FALLEN TO THE MIBU CLAN!

APPA-RENTLY, YOUR BODY ...

EVEN IF ONIME NO KYO IS ALIVE...

IT WON'T BE MUCH DIFFERENCE COMPARED TO DEATH...

...

IF KYO'S BODY WAS TAKEN BY THE MIBU CLAN,

WHAT WILL HE DO?

I'VE HEARD THAT YOUR BODY WAS TAKEN BY ONE OF THE BRATS YOU USED TO BEFRIEND IN THE SHISEITEN! WHATEVER... IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT BECOMES OURS!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?

KYO...

YOU'LL NEVER LIVE *AGAIN!*

IF YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD ..

JUST WAIT OBEDIENTLY ..

FOR DEATH ...

KYO!

ALL THE PEOPLE I KILL ...

HE'LL DEFEAT HIM THIS WAY!

COOL! JUST LIKE KYO! HE HIT THAT FELLOW WITH 1 STRIKE!

AI...

YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT ...

ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU,

PEOPLE WHO STIR THE ANGER OF OTHERS AND INCUR HATRED!

GREAT! KYO'S TACTIC'S AWESOME! HE KNOWS SHINREI WILL EVADE HIS SWORD... SO HE SUDDENLY ATTACKED AGAIN!

THIS HASN'T ENDED YET!

KYO'S BOUND TO WIN!

HOW-

KYO ... KYO!

KYO ...

KYO!

WHAT HAPPEN-ED?

HOW COME?

18

SPURTS OUT

URGH!

THE TRUE TERROR WE CAN INSPIRE!

EVERY-THING ABOUT THE MIBU CLAN!

KYO HAD ALREADY BLOCKED HIS SWORD...

WHY DID THE ATTACK STILL CONNECT?

...

KYO...

YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ...

STEP

I'LL JUST HAVE TO SHOW YOU ...

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The Heavenly Dragon

〈Part I〉

WOW...

EVERYONE LOOK! THE MOON'S SO BEAUTIFUL! ♡

IT'S PARTICULARLY BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT!

YOU...

..

ONLY SOMEONE LIKE YUKIMURA-SAN WHO LIKES TO TRY OUT NEW THINGS. WILL WANT TO SPEND A NIGHT HERE

BUT... BEAUTIFUL THINGS ARE STILL BEAUTIFUL!

Brrrr

YOU CAN STILL SAY THINGS LIKE THAT...

IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE

LOOK...

THE MOON'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL ...

..

HMPH!

...

HE REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE SENSITIVE AND GENTLE TYPE.

HUH?

THE YUKIMURA-SAMA THAT YOU USUALLY SEE..

IS JUST A FALSE IMAGE THAT WAS CREATED FOR HIM TO SURVIVE DURING THE SENGOKU JIDAI*...

* = warring states period

THE REAL YUKIMURA ...?

THE REAL YUKIMURA -SAMA...

HAS A SHINING SOUL.

THE YUKIMURA-SAMA YOU SEE ISN'T THE REAL YUKIMURA-SAMA..

WOAH!

sfft

NO!

SAIZO....

THANKS FOR SCARING ME LIKE THAT!

shiver shiver

WAHHH

FUUU

...

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

the real me♡

THEN LET ME TELL YOU...

THE KIND OF PERSON I USED TO BE...

BENITO-RA'S REALLY AMUSING

DON'T GET SO WORKED UP ♡

WHA...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

That's so gross!

...

...EH?

Ka-chirk

LET'S USE THIS GORGEOUS MOONLIT NIGHT TO TALK.

BESIDES...

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AT THE MOMENT..

HAPPENED
...

WHEN I
RECEIVED
THIS BLADE
...

CHING

INDEED...

EVERYTHING
...

HAPPENED
...

WHEN I
RECEIVED
THIS BLADE
...

CHING

INDEED..

EVERYTHING
...

AUGUST
18TH YEAR OF TENSHO

Sanada

Saemonosuke Yukimura's eighteenth summer...

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WHERE DID YUKIMURA GO?

YUKIMURA!

WHAT IS THAT IDIOT DOING?

...AT THIS POINT, THE TOKUGAWA ARMY COULD ATTACK AT ANY TIME!

FATHER!

OH... KOSUKE, THAT MOVE WASN'T TOO BAD!

CALM DOWN ... NOBUYUKI ...

IT'S USELESS SCOLDING HIM WHEN HE ISN'T HERE.

* = name for a city below the castle

YUKIMURA-SAMA WENT TO JOKAMACHI!*

SASUKE ...!

NOBU-YUKI-SAMA

...WHY DO YOU ALWAYS LET YUKIMURA DO WHATEVER HE WANTS TO?

Shock

WHEN WILL HE EVER STOP MESSING AROUND!

Thump

HE WENT TO JOKAMACHI AGAIN ?

I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO THERE

THAT IDIOT

AH...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

IT'S IT'S ALRIGHT

THIS HAPPENED THOUGH I WAS FOLLOWING HIM.

MY APOLOGIES'

AH. YES YES!

WHAT'S WRONG?

KOSUKE, IT'S YOUR TURN. .

BUT...

HE STILL SEEMS SO CAREFREE...

WHAT IS HE REALLY THINKING?

He can't survive in a battle like this!

THAT GUY IS ALREADY EIGHTEEN...

THIS ISN'T JUST HIS FIRST BATTLE, IT'S ALSO A CRITICAL ONE THAT WILL DETERMINE OUR FAMILY'S FATE!

ENOUGH!

NOBUYUKI.

LOOK AT THIS!

FATHER, WHY ARE YOU SO INDIFFERENT

rustle

HIS IDIOCY DIDN'T JUST START TODAY...

HE'S STILL A LITTLE KID.

pah!

WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE TIME WHEN HE WAS A HOSTAGE AT THE UESUGIS?

WHY DID HE BECOME AN IDIOT?

TAP TAP

KAGE-KATSU-SAMA?

rustle

THIS... THIS IS?

!

UESUGI-SAMA GAVE ME THIS LETTER WHEN HE SENT YUKIMURA BACK.

RETURNING THE CROUCHING DRAGON

FATHER

NOBU-YUKI-SAMA.

THE 'DRAGON' SLEEPING DEEP WITHIN YUKIMURA...

KAGEKATSU-SAMA FELT IT TOO.

WHAT IS THIS.

SASUKE ...

pah!

NOBUYUKI-SAMA,

PLEASE GIVE YUKIMURA-SAMA A LITTLE TIME...

YUKIMURA-SAMA'S...

JUST TOO KIND-HEARTED ...

IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END NOW...

ONE DAY...

THAT BOY WILL SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATE HIS FUTURE...

Hissss

AH-...

THIS IS SO NICE

fantastic

SEEING MIZUKI ONEE-CHAN'S NUDE BODY IS REALLY EXCITING!

WE...WE'RE ALSO FEELING FANTASTIC ♡

SHOCK

AH!

PUT ON YOUR SEAT-CHARM!

PUT

Swoosh

WE SHOULD JUST JOIN IN!

WAH! STUPID!

KABOW

...

...

coming ...

Hi... I'm..

Mizu...

HAAA!!

WAHHHH!

BEEZ! YOU REALLY ARE STUPID!

HEHE ♡

YOU DARED TO PEEP! WHAT KIND OF SAMURAI ARE YOU?

THAT'S ALL RIGHT,

MIZUKI'S NUDE BODY IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL ♡

WHY ARE YOU BEHAVING SO SERIOUSLY ALL OF A SUDDEN! IF PEOPLE LOOK AT WHATEVER THEY 'WANT TO', THERE'LL BE ABSOLUTE CHAOS!

EVEN SAMURAIS HAVE CERTAIN 'THINGS' THEY WANT TO LOOK AT

DUMB-ASS

REALLY ..

ARE YOU REALLY SANADA-SAMA'S SECOND SON?

THAT ISN'T THE POINT ...

DUMB-ASS

Throb,

Pat Pat

THEN THERE'S YOU ...

TALKING ABOUT YOUR FATHER, SANADA MASAYUKI-SAMA..

TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI PRAISED HIM AS "A SLY OLD FOX" AND A BRILLIANT STRATEGIST.

HE'S ALSO A GENIUS TACTICIAN FEARED BY TOKUGAWA IEYASU.

YOUR BROTHER NOBUYUKI HAS BEEN LEARNING THE PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP FROM YOUR FATHER. HE'S SAID TO BE A LOYAL AND TRUSTWORTHY PERSON WHO HAS THE BODY, MIND AND SOUL OF A WARRIOR.

LETTING YOU BECOME A SAMURAI WAS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE IN JAPANESE HISTORY ..

BECAUSE A SWORD IS REALLY HEAVY!

IF I FALL DOWN I'LL GET INJURED.

HEHE ♡

Innocent...

YUKIMURA...

WAR IS ABOUT TO BREAK OUT, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN CARRY A SWORD,

AND YOU'RE STILL IDLING ABOUT...

REALLY...!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!

SINCE WHEN!

BUSH

She's blushing!

EYA! ALTHOUGH MIZUKI ONEE-CHAN SAYS THAT...

IN REALITY SHE'S VERY HAPPY YUKIMURA ONII-CHAN CAME!

YUKI-MURA IS A BIG IDIOT!

YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

PLUNK

...

YOU KIDS TOO!

GET OUT HERE!

HA HA HA!

GRRR

WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!

I'M NOT!

DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!

WOAH!

Ha-Ha...

YUKIMURA-SAMA...

wah

wah

SASUKE AND...

SAIZO?

MY SITUATION

YUKI-MURA-SAMA!

...

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN.

YUKIMURA-SAMA. .

PLEASE DON'T GO TO JOKAMACHI AGAIN NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS .

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE TOGUKAWA ARMY WILL ATTACK...

EVERYONE'S WORRYING ABOUT YOU!

INCLUDING YOUR FATHER AND BROTHER!

YUKI-MURA-SAMA,

EVERYONE HAS HIGH EXPECTA-TIONS OF YOU..

YOU MUST HELP THEM!

...

HUH?

WHAT AM I REALLY FIGHTING FOR?

EXPECTA-TIONS?

I'M SHOULDERING EVERYONE'S EXPECTA-TIONS ...

THEN...

WHAT IS IT, REALLY?

FOR MY CLAN? BUT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, DOES IT?

EVEN IF NO WAR BREAKS OUT, NO ONE CAN STOP THE INEVITABLE DECLINE OF OUR CLAN...

I've seen that happen too often during my time as a hostage.

FOR MYSELF?

EVEN IF I DON'T FIGHT, I CAN PROTECT MYSELF!

BUT...

I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THESE MATTERS...

BECAUSE I'M A SAMURAI?

OR BECAUSE I'M THE SECOND SON OF THE SANADA CLAN?

REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, I CAN EASILY THINK OF MANY REASONS!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...

THE REASON,

WHY I HAVE TO FIGHT...

AIYAAAAAA!

YUKI...

huff
huff
huff
...IT'S
...
A PACK OF WOLVES!
shake
YAAA AAA!
AH... AH!
NO WAY
THERE'RE TOO MANY OF THEM
WE CAN'T ESCAPE
NO...

SHAKKK

WOO WAHHHH!

...

HUH?

...

GH....

WHAT...

WHAT'S GOING ON...

Tremble

Tremble

SHUFAL

YUKI...

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

YUKI...

WHIMPER

THEY'RE GONE...

TONG

YUKI-MURA ONI-CHAN?

Crash

RIGHT! ONII

...

?

HE FAINTED

THE WOLF PACK WENT AWAY!

Hoooo

GREAT! THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED

NO WAY THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE

DID THEY RETREAT BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF YUKIMURA?

JSE-JESS

...

YUKIMURA-SAMA...

SASUKE!

YOU'RE THE UNRIVALLED 'NINJA GENIUS'!

HE TRUSTS YOU THE MOST...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PERSUADE HIM!

IF YOU'RE THE ONE... I'M SURE YUKIMURA-SAMA WILL...

SA... SASUKE!

ARE YOU GOING TO JUST LEAVE YUKIMURA-SAMA HERE?

...

HUH?

SAIZO ... LET'S GO!

...

SA... SASUKE...

BUT...

SAIZO...

I ONLY KNOW HOW TO KILL...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PERSUADE.

SASUKE.?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I UNDERSTAND ... HIS PAINFUL FEELINGS ...

YUKIMURA-SAMA WAS BORN WITH EXCEPTIONAL TALENT,

AND THIS GIFT IS MANIPULATING HIM...

IF WE DO NOT WILLFULLY BET OUR LIVES...

IT'S MEANINGLESS

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE...

WE USE OUR LIVES...

AS 'PROOF OF OUR EXISTENCE'...

FOR YUKIMURA-SAMA ...

...

"NOW"

IS THE TIME FOR HIM TO MAKE THAT DECISION ...

PLEASE EAT!

Ta-

Da

HERE!

YAY!

GREAT!

IT'S A BIG BOWL!

REALLY...

...

I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!

I SWEAR TO YOUR PARENTS!

really?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

MY FAMILY IS REALLY POOR!

IF YOU GO BACK TO THE CASTLE...

YOU'LL HAVE TASTIER FOOD.

HUH?

IT'S FINE IF IT'S MY MOTHER.

BUT SWEARING TO MY FATHER ISN'T WORTH IT!

YOU'RE SUCH A GLIB TALKER

HeHe

BESIDES...

THE RICE MIZUKI COOKS TASTES MUCH BETTER!

IN THE END...

THE ONLY THING HE LEFT US WAS THIS KATANA ....

MY FATHER HAS THE ARROGANCE OF A SAMURAI BUT HE WAS A USELESS PERSON WHO COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT THE BOTH OF US. .

EH?

YOU SAID THAT SO SUDDENLY ...

...

YUKIMURA, YOU'RE THE SAME!

IF YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SAMURAI .

TRY SOMETHING ELSE!

It doesn't suit you!

MIZUKI

...

...

BUT YOU SAID IT FIRST ...

STOP JOKING AROUND

clap clap

* = Wandering Samurai

I SHOULDN'T HAVE COMPARED YOU TO MY FATHER,

A RUNONIN.*

Haha

YOU'RE RIGHT ...

THEN I WON'T BE ONE ANYMORE!

let's go... Everyone...

protect our land!

GO GO GO GO GO

MIZUKI...

DON'T SAY THAT. I'll feel bad!

IT'S THE TRUTH

HONESTLY...

SOMEONE OF YOUR STATUS SHOULDN'T BE HANGING AROUND HERE...

can be punished just for saying your name

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT I LOOK LIKE

LEADING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS TO WAR?

WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING IT AS?

Flip

WELL, UM...

HM...

YOU NEVER KNOW...

MAYBE SOMEONE MIXED UP WHERE I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BORN...

HAHA...

THEN...

YUKIMURA

HOW ABOUT THIS...

YUKIMURA

MIZU

MIZUKI

AT THE VERY LEAST

HUH?

COME!

EAT SOME MORE...

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

YOU'RE A MAN!

SMASH

YOU MUST ...

...

PROTECT ME AND OUR KIDS!

YOU SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING SO SIMPLE NOW!?

EH...

JUST BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE BORN INTO THE SANADA FAMILY FOR THIS REASON.

THEN YOU'LL GAIN SOME FIGHTING SPIRIT!

...

UH-HUH ... YOU'RE RIGHT ...

LET ME PROTECT YOU! ...

DON'T PUT IT THAT WAY! that was uncalled for!

HEHE

UH-HUH! REALLY ♡

YOU CAN'T FAINT WHEN THE TIME COMES like today

ER...

REALLY?

HAHA

HEHE

Clank

Tramp

Tramp

Tramp

LET ME PROTECT THE BOTH OF YOU.

Stroke

I'M SO HAPPY ...

hmm

PROTECT ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?

WILL HE REALLY

Wave Wave

WHAT AM I THINKING!

OUR DIFFERENCE IN STATUS IS TOO GREAT!

Crash

IT'S ONLY THE WIND...

scared me there

Turn

I'M SCARING MYSELF ...

WHO'S THERE?

Slide

THAT FUN-LOVING FOOL...

THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD WANDER OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...

Smash

* = Literally means penwasher

DONG

DONG

I REALLY LIKED THIS CONTAINER*

WHOA!

IT'S BROKEN

..

WHAT HAP-PENED

DONG

IT'S JOKAMACHI'S BELL!

DONG

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THIS ALARM BELL

DONG

DONG

AH..

AH...

AHHHH...

AH...

IT'S A NIGHT RAID BY THE TOGUKAWA ARMY!

YOU HAVE TO BE SAFE ..

FATHER!

MIZUKI

EVERYONE

...

FATHER!

HOO

I'M COMING TO RESCUE ALL OF YOU NOW!

FA...

THERE MUST BE A LOT OF PEOPLE TRAPPED!

FATHER..

...

YOU'VE SEEN THE FLAMES IN JOKAMACHI?

QUICKLY SEND SOLDIERS TO PUT OUT THE FIRE!

WHAT ...

IT ISN'T TIME...

WE,

THE SANADAS...

HAVE TO WIN THIS BATTLE NO MATTER WHAT!

MOST...

MOST PEOPLE?

I KNEW THE TOGUKAWA ARMY WOULD ATTACK TONIGHT..

AFTER THEY'VE ENTERED JOKAMA-CHI, WE CAN SEND OUT THE ARMY TO DESTROY THEM IN ONE BLOW!

THE TOWN WAS BAIT!

SASUKE AND HIS MEN HAVE DIRECTED MOST OF THE INHABITANTS TO SAFETY!

YUKI-MURA

THEN...

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND?

...

THE TOKUGAWA CLAN HAS A MUCH LARGER ARMY ..

SINCE WE'RE THE WEAKER FORCE, AMBUSH IS THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT THEM..

...

YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND AT THIS POINT IN TIME ...

THEN THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE PEOPLE KILLED COMPARED TO THE NUMBER IN JOKAMACHI...

IF WE DON'T WIN...

BESIDES OUR CLAN, ALL OUR VASSALS, THOSE OF THE R BLOOD, AND ANYONE WHO HAS AIDED THE SANADA CLAN WILL BE KILLED!

I THINK MOST PEOPLE WILL HATE US FOR IT..

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED..

THEIR FAMILIES..

THE TOKUGAWA CLAN..

AFTER THIS, THIS HATRED WILL BREED ANOTHER WAR...

A SO-CALLED SAMURAI..

A SO-CALLED LEADER...

CAN ONLY ACT AFTER HE HAS CONSIDERED ALL THE CONSEQUENCES...

I NEED TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS...

WE HAVE TO FIGHT, AND WE MUST WIN!

EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SACRIFICE EVERYONE ...

TO ME...THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE UNDER OUR RULE...

...

YUKIMURA...

REALIZE WHERE YOU STAND..

BECAUSE THIS IS THE FATE OF A SAMURAI BORN IN

THE SENGOKU JIDAI!

NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS PERFECT AND BEAUTIFUL...

BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WAR IS REALLY ABOUT ...

I...

I UNDER-STAND

DON'T TELL ME

YOU'RE GOING TO.

YU. YUKIMURA?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Flip

DON'T TELL ME

YOU'RE GOING TO.

YU. YUKIMURA?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Clang

Flip

ARE YOU GOING TO DIE FOR THAT WOMAN IN JOKAMACHI?

YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT FATHER SAID, DO YOU?

I WON'T LET YOU RETURN TO JOKAMACHI!

Slam

OoC

BAM

WAIT YUKIMURA...

Dash

NOBUYUKI. FORGET IT!

LET HIM GO!

FATHER?

AFTER TONIGHT, I THINK HE WILL UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY.

WILL THE 'DRAGON' WITHIN YUKIMURA...

AWAKEN WITH A ROAR...

OR WILL IT SLUMBER FOREVER ...

I DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND ...

SOMETHING SO STUPID AND LUDICROUS ...

WHO GIVES A DAMN ABOUT SACRIFICING A FEW TO PROTECT THE GREATER GOOD

NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEIR LECTURES!

pal pal pal pal pal

I CANNOT STAND ASIDE AND DO NOTHING!

YOU'LL PROTECT ME RIGHT?

MANY PEOPLE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF THAT!

PROTECT THEM!

I'LL BE THE ONE TO...

Crackle...

...

BEFORE I GET THERE, YOU MUST REMAIN SAFE!

AZURE BLUE DRAGON

ARGH

WAAHH

きゃあああ

MIZUKI

...

HUFF

HUFF

MIZUKI!

CRACKLE...

SNAP!

MIZUKI!! KIDS! EVERYONE! WHERE ARE YOU?!

MIZUKI ...!!

WHAT'S THIS STENCH ...?

PLEASE
BE
SAFE!

THE HEAVENLY DRAGON

<PART II>

ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?

HIS HAND IS BURNED...

BUT IT'S JUST SUPERFI-CIAL

KIDS!!

ONII-CHAN!

EH . ?

MIZUKI ONEE-CHAN, SHE...

ONII-CHAN,

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW...

IS IT?

THAT'S GREAT.

WHA ...?

MIZUKI ONEE-CHAN WAS TRYING TO RESCUE US...

SO SHE DIDN'T MANAGE TO ESCAPE...

HA HA

YUKIMURA...

I WANTED TO MEET YOU...

ONE LAST TIME...

!!

!!

HE HE HE

IT'S SO HOT

THERE'S STILL SOMEONE ALIVE...

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR MISERY...

BECAUSE WE WERE ORDERED TO KILL ALL THE SANADAS!

KILLING YOU SEEMS SUCH A WASTE

YOU'VE GOT QUITE A FINE BODY!

LITTLE LADY, YOU.

KU ...

GIVE US SOME ENJOYMENT ...

BEFORE YOU DIE!

SSSS... SAVE ME!

YUKIMURA!

Huh ..

MIZUKI...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?

WHY ARE YOU HERE..

YU YUKI-MURA.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? DID THEY DO ANY-THING TO YOU?

YU... YUKI-MURA!

BECAUSE I PROMISED...

I PROMISED TO PROTECT YOU...

GREAT! LET'S GO.

YUKI-MURA.

YUKI...

MURA..

HERE...

I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS...

YUKI-MURA..

WE CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER.

WE NEED TO HURRY

I THINK YOU'LL NEED THIS...

HUH..?

I'VE REALISED... THAT YOU'LL GET EVEN STRONGER IN THE FUTURE...

BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED YOU IN THIS WORLD...

SWOOSH

YUKI-
MURA...

YOU
CAME
HERE...

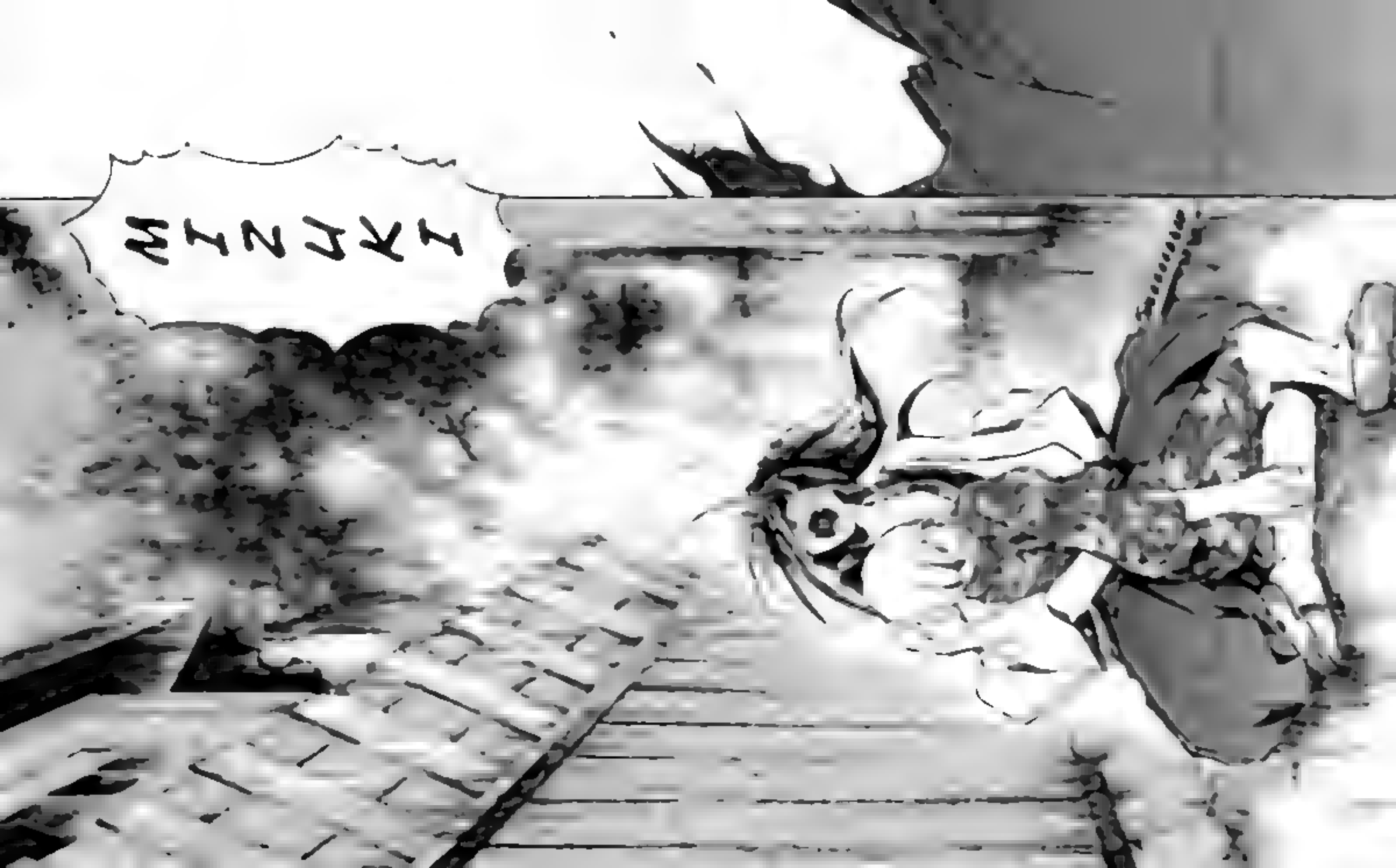
TO
RESCUE
ME...

THANK
YOU...

SLIDE...

MIZUKI
...?

MI..


HAENJAH

JUST AS WELL I COULDN'T FIND ANY SAMURAIS I WAS GETTING BORED

NAKOU-SAMA THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE ALIVE! WHAT A SURPRISE!

WHOEVER TAKES HIS HEAD..

COMPARED TO THAT BITCH WHO ESCAPED... THIS SHOULD BE MORE EXCITING!

HMMM?

HE'S ARMED

オオオ

WILL RECEIVE THE RANK OF A GENERAL!

DIE

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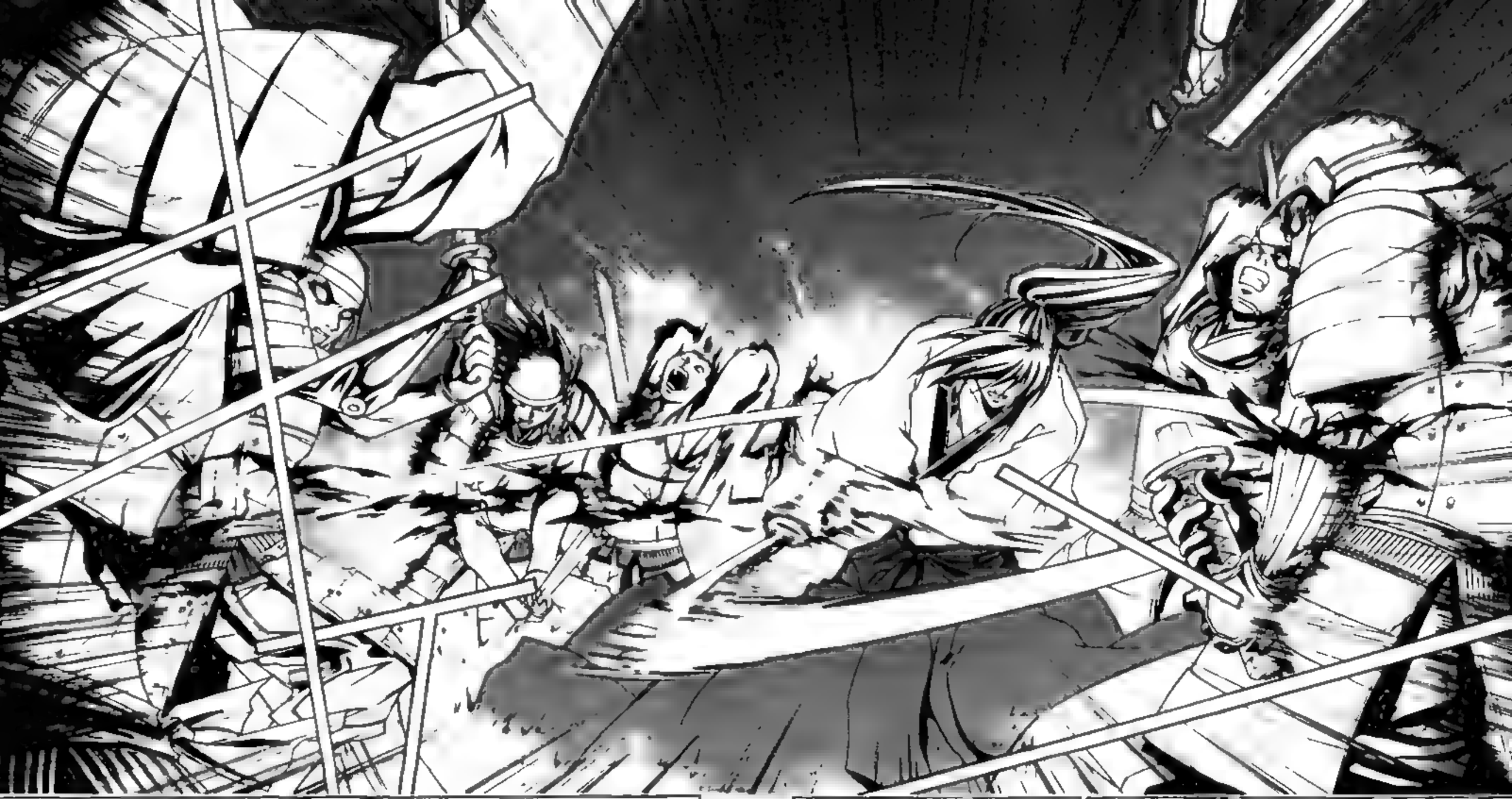

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HOW CAN IT BE

DEMON...

HE'S A DEMON WEARING HUMAN SKIN!

...WHA!?

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON THE TOGUKAWA ARMY!

I HANDPICKED THIRTY ELITE SOLDIERS FOR THIS BATTLE

THEY WERE SO EASILY

THIS.. THIS BOY..

HAHAHAHA!

SEE? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE TOGUKAWA ARMY TO LOSE TO A BRAT LIKE YOU

..HUH?

HMPH! IT STOPPED? YOU...!

THE AGONY OF BEING SLASHED BY A KATANA ..

SHE SUFFERED MUCH MORE PAIN...

THE PAIN MIZUKI SUFFERED..

WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING ABOUT

I'LL SEND YOU TO HEAVEN

WHA.

I'LL RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR LIFE!

MIZUKI
...

OOO!!

IN THE END...

I STILL DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND ...

IN THE END...

I STILL DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND ...

EVERYONE HAS TO BEAR ALL THIS

INCLUDING MY BROTHER, WHO IS DETERMINED TO WIN..

AND MY FATHER, WHO DECIDES EVERYTHING..

ONLY WHEN BOTH PARTIES ENGAGE IN WAR

CAN THIS HATRED BE DISSOLVED

SUCH UGLY EMOTIONS ARE HIDDEN WITHIN THE HEARTS OF MEN .

I REALLY WANTED TO PROTECT...

ONLY YOU .

BECUASE OF THEIR NAIVE IDEAS. .

I CAN'T EVEN KEEP THE PROMISE I MADE TO YOU,

MIZUKI...

IN THE END,

I STILL DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND

FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED YOU IN THIS WORLD

YUKIMURA-SAMA

YUKIMURA-SAMA PLEASE COMMAND US

CONVEY MY ORDER TO THE JYUNISHINSHOU AND SANADA VASSALS

DIRECT THOSE WHO COULDN'T EVACUATE IN TIME TO THE WESTERN SIDE WHERE THE FIRE IS WEAKER

DON'T CHASE THEM TOO FAR JUST MAKE SURE THEY LEAVE

KILL ALL THE REMAINING TOGUKAWA SOLDERS LET THEM GET WHAT THEY DESERVE

MIZUKI...

I PROMISE ...

PROTECT THE SANADA LAND... AND IT'S PEOPLE...

.....

MAKE SURE TOGUKAWA WILL NEVER DARE TO INVADE OUR TERRITORY AGAIN.. LET THEM SEE THE TRUE STRENGTH OF THE SANADA CLAN!

ONE LAST THING ..

SO ...

DO NOT DIE!

FROM TONIGHT ONWARDS, I WILL BECOME A DEMON... I WILL PUNISH ALL EVILDOERS!

I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF SANADA SAEMONOSUKE YUKIMURA!

TO BECOME STRONGER

U GU GU GU

うう

IT'S SO SAD... SO SAD WAH...

IN THAT CASE.

THAT IS SUCH A MOVING STORY

YUKIMURA-HAN, I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU! WAHHH!

IF THE STORY WAS REAL...IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE TOUCHING!

... AH?

BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME I COULD ONLY MAKE UP THIS MUCH!

WHAT THE!?

!?

AH! AFTER SAYING SO MUCH... I'M SO TIRED! I WANT TO SLEEP NOW ♡

SO... GOOD NIGHT♡

THANKS FOR LISTENING ... I'M GOING TO SLEEP!

HE'S JUST AS DUMB WHEN HE'S LYING

...

...

YOU'RE A DEMON! A DEMON WHICH CHEATED OUR EMOTIONS!

BYE

AH AAH.

TO MAKE SURE THOSE MEMORIES DON'T FADE AWAY...

BUT .. I HAVE TO CONTINUOUSLY REMIND MYSELF...

MY APOLOGIES SAIZO I REMINDED YOU OF THOSE PAINFUL TIMES-

YUKI-MURA-SAMA.

...
REALLY
...
THANK
YOU...

TO ME . THOSE MEMORIES ARE ALSO UNFORGET-TABLE!

NO! YUKI-MURA-SAMA

TO ME

CAN YOU SEE ME?

MIZUKI ...

AT LEAST... I'VE BECOME A LITTLE STRONGER...

THOUGH I'M STILL NOT VERY OUT-STANDING NOW...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

FOR THE PEOPLE WHO VALUE ME...

YES...IF THAT'S THE CASE...AT THE VERY LEAST...I WANT TO USE THIS KATANA TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME...

A SO-CALLED SAMURAI... NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT... IS JUST A BORING EXAMPLE OF A MAN WHO WAVES HIS KATANA AROUND KILLING PEOPLE

SOMETHING AS PRECIOUS AS YOUR SMILE AGAIN

IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE...

SO... MIZUKI ...

PLEASE...
PLEASE
STAND
GUARD BY
MY SIDE...
FOR THE
REST OF MY
LIFE...

HEAVENLY DRAGON - THE END

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YES AFTER HOURS OF HARDWORK AND SETBACK AFTER SETBACK, THIS HEART-WRENCHING SIDE STORY ABOUT YUKIMURA OF DAYS GONE PAST WAS FINALLY FINISHED. MUCH TO DELIGHT OF THE FANS. I MUST CONGRATUALTE AND GIVE A HEARTY PAT ON THE BACK TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED ON THIS GROUP EFFORT... FOR WITHOUT THEM I COULDN'T HAVE FINISHED. THANKS AND THIS BUD IS FOR YOU GUYS.

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